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THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG.

BLOOMSBURG, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of its founding, on August 28th and 29th, 1902. The plot for the town was laid out in 1802 by Ludwig Eyer, and this book is published as a souvenir of that occasion to show to what the town has attained as a progressive and enlightened community. Bloomsburg was organized as a corporation by an Act of Assembly passed March 4, 1870, with the title of "The Town of Bloomsburg." It has the distinction of being the only incorporated "Town" in the State. Bloomsburg became the county seat in 1845. Its population in 1820 was 1626; in 1900 it was 6170.

Since its organization in 1870 it has made rapid strides, and many handsome public buildings, large business blocks, beautiful homes, and extensive factories have been erected. It has an excellent sewerage system; trolley line to Berwick and Catawissa, and several others contemplated; an inexhaustible supply of pure water; gas and electric light; and steam heat supplied through mains in the streets. It has an efficient fire department, and an electric system of fire signals. It has communication with the outside world by four railroads, and the mails are distributed by letter carriers. In educational facilities it is in the front rank, the Normal School, the High School, and two other large buildings affording accommodations for more than fifteen hundred pupils.

The moral welfare of the community is looked after by numerous religious organizations. The Protestant Episcopal Church has had continuous existence here for more than 109 years, the title to the plot of ground where the Church, Parish House and Rectory now stand dating back to 1793. The Methodist Episcopal Church, shelters a congregation that was first organized about 1834. The Presbyterian Church dates back to 1817. Other bodies having commodious and comfortable places of worship, are the Lutheran, Reformed, Baptist, Evangelical, Roman Catholic, and African M. E. Churches. A prosperous Y. M. C. A. occupies the William Neal homestead.

There are three banks, the First National, organized in 1864; the Farmers National, organized in 1891; and the Bloomsburg National, organized in 1899. All of these institutions are handsomely finished and furnished, and are provided with the latest modern inventions in the way of burglar proof vaults.

Bloomsburg has good hotels, prosperous business houses, enterprising newspapers, beautiful scenery, and healthy location.

This however, is not an historical work. Its object is to present pictorially the beauties of our town. In its pages will be found public buildings, churches, schools, street views, and other scenes in Bloomsburg, and at other points in the county.

COURT HOUSE.

TOWN HALL.

HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

ST. PAUL'S P. E. CHURCH AND PARISH HOUSE.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ST. MATTHEW'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

By permisston M. E. Church Trustees.

OLD M. E. CHURCH, BUILT 1857. REPLACED BY STONE CHURCH, 1897

ST. COLUMBA'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND RECTORY.

BLOOMSBURG STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

BLOOMSBURG FROM THE NORMAL CUPOLA.

NORMAL AUDITORIUM.

COUNTY BRIDGE ACROSS THE SUSQUEHANNA.

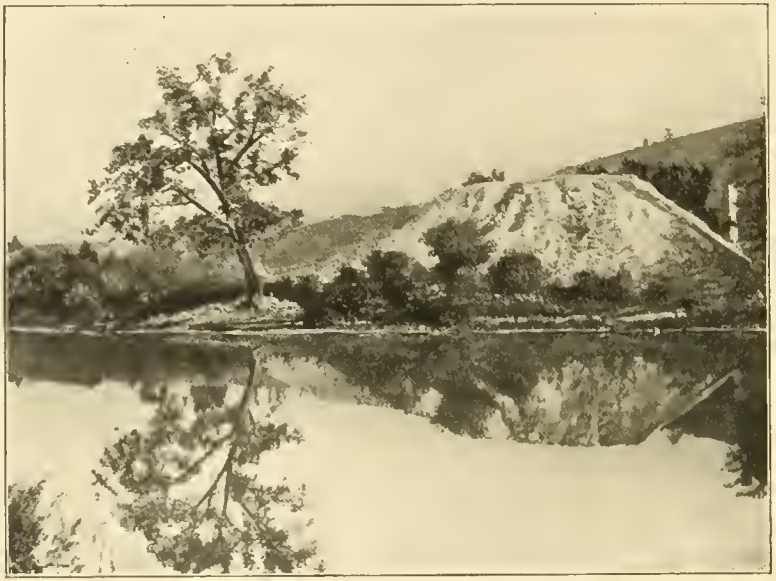
COLUMBIA COUNTY PRISON.

A SUMMER DAY ON NORMAL CAMPUS.

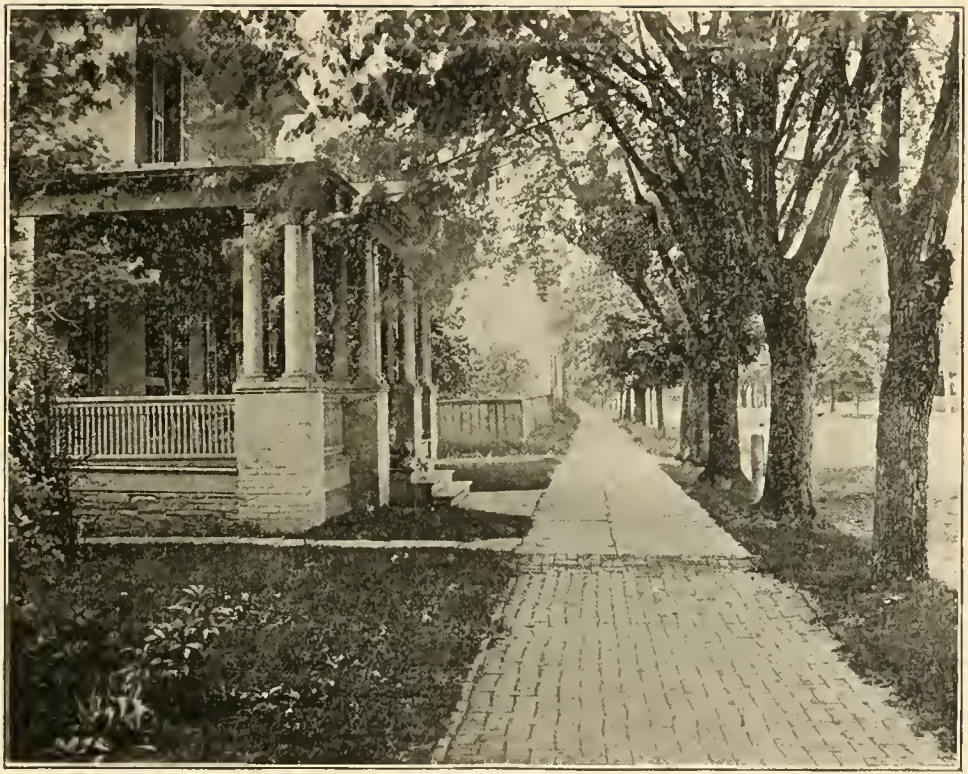
LOOKING DOWN MARKET STREET.

MAIN STREET 1901, SHOWING TROLLEY ROAD.

By Courtesy of "The Bloomsburg Daily."

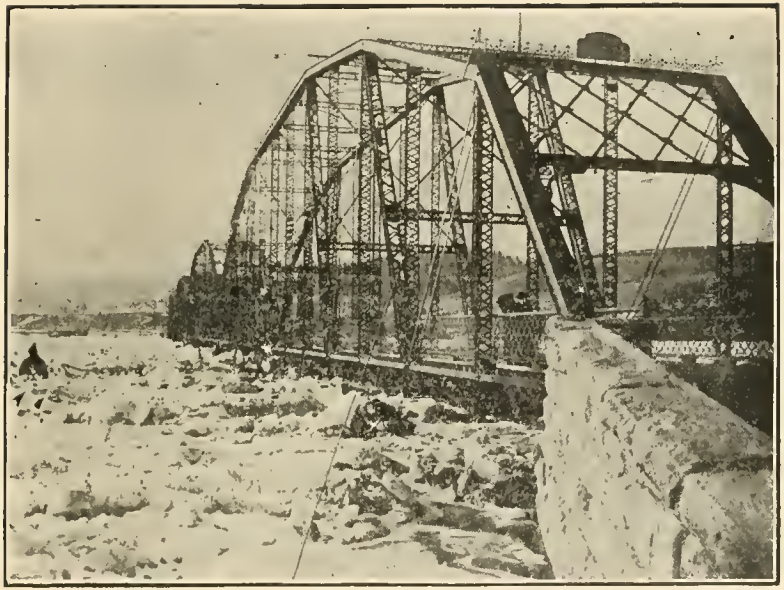


FISHINGCREEK AT IRONDALE.



FIFTH STREET LOOKING TOWARDS MARKET.

BOONE'S DAM.



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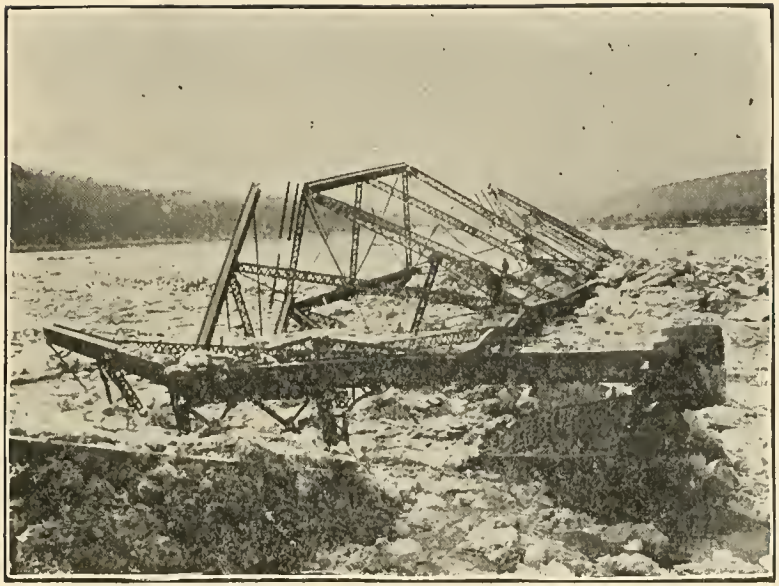

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FLOOD OF 1904 PAPER MILL BRIDGE, BEFORE

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FLOOD OF 1904. AN ICE GORGE

From Catawissa "News Item."

FLOOD OF 1904. NEAR P. & R. DEPOT, CATAWISSA
From Catawissa "News Item."

FLOOD OF 1904. P. R. R. TRACK. ROARING CREEK

From Catawissa "News Item."

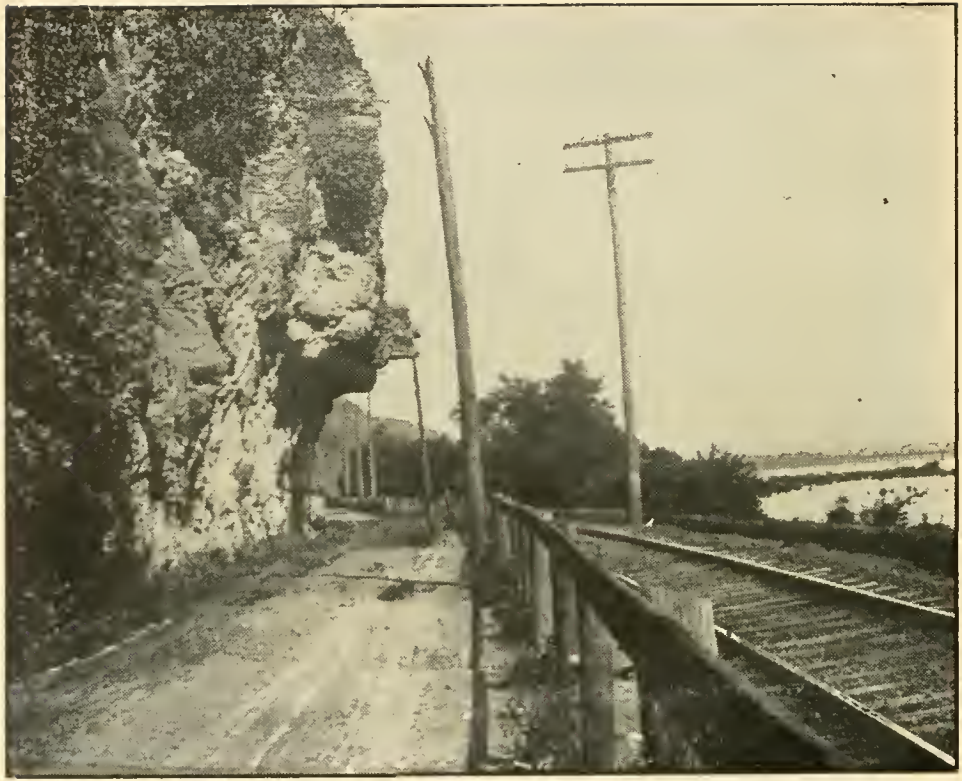
MARKET SQUARE.

PENNSYLVANIA CANAL.

BLOOMSBURG WATER WORKS.

FIFTH STREET FROM CENTRE STREET.

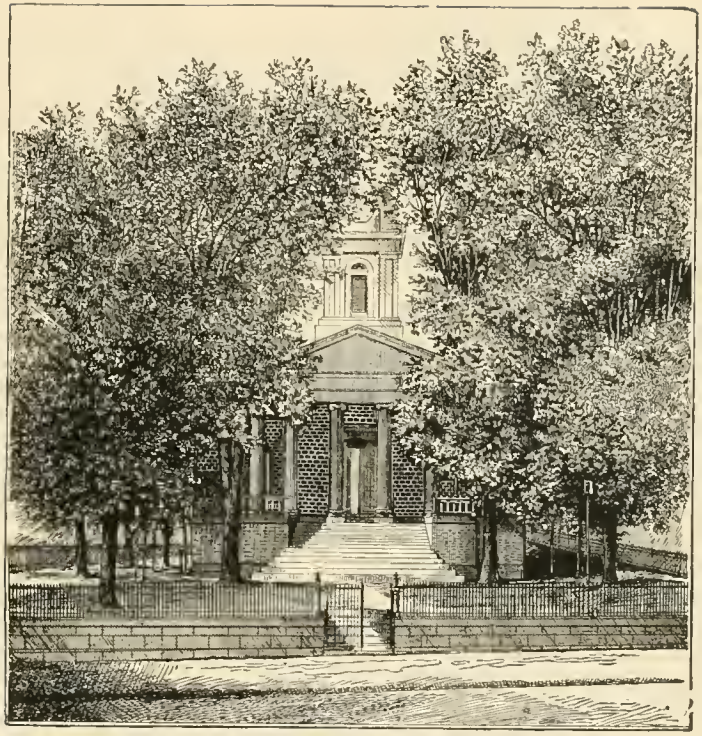
OAK GROVE.



PROFILE ROCK, CATAWISSA NARROWS.

DOWN MAIN FROM THE NORMAL.

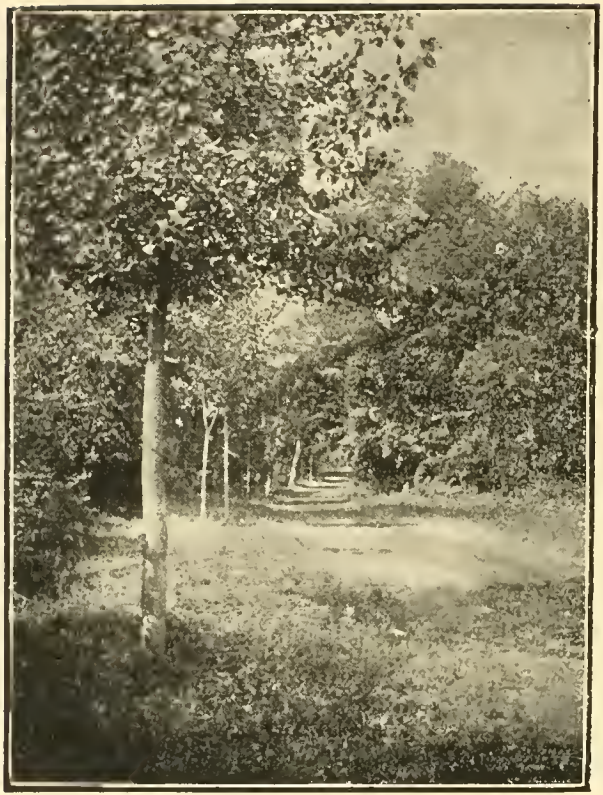
A SHADY PATH AT THE NORMAL.



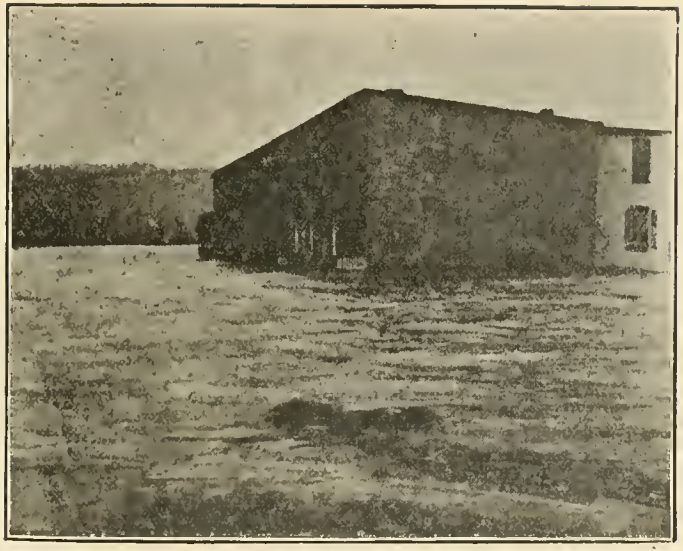
OLD COURT HOUSE

HEMLOCK CREEK, NEAR BARTON'S BRIDGE.

KEITER'S RACE.



DRIVE ON RIVER ROAD.



MAGEE AVENUE. FLOOD OF MARCH, 1902.

GRASSMERE PARK, SUGARLOAF TOWNSHIP.

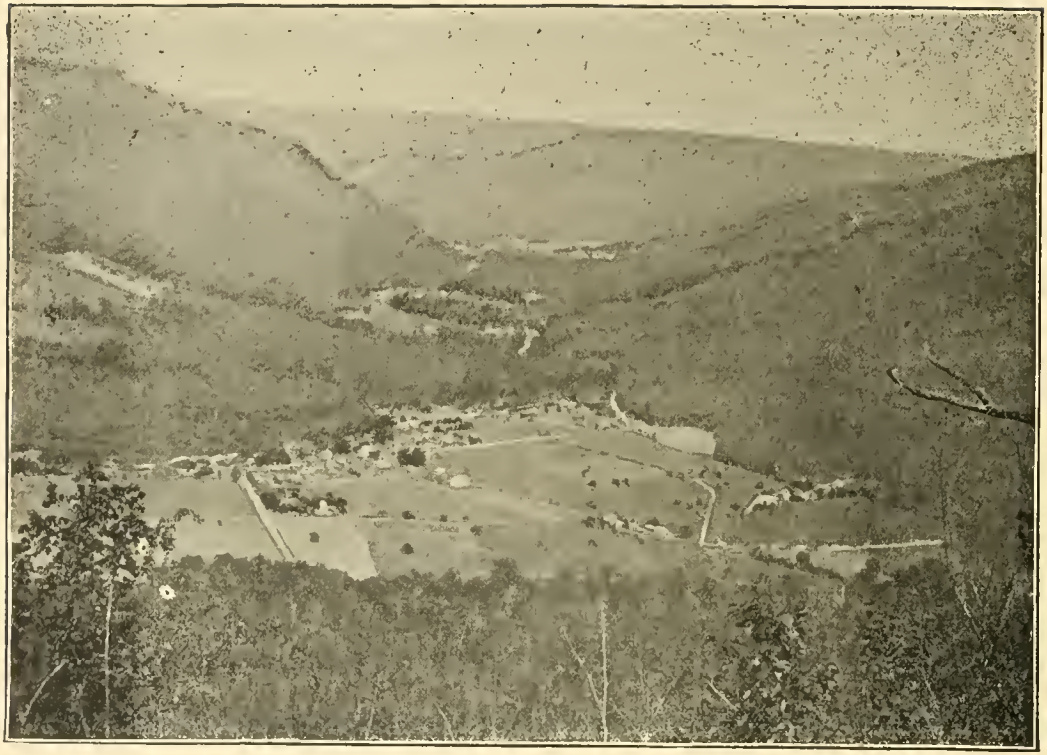
FISHINGCREEK AT STILLWATER.

THE SUSQUEHANNA, FROM HILL BELOW CATAWISSA.

NEAR ORANGEVILLE.

BRIAR CREEK.

LOOKING FROM EAST BLOOMSBURG.

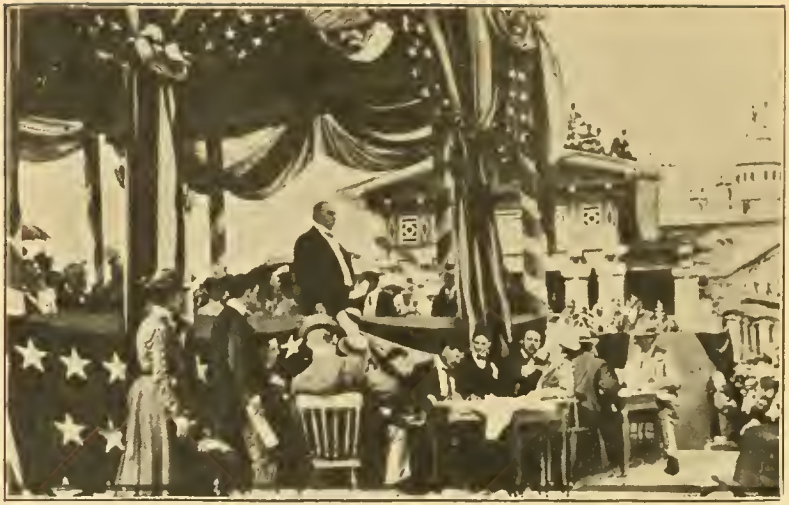


UPPER END OF THE COUNTY, CENTRAL.

A BUSINESS ROW.

RESIDENCE OF PAUL E. WIRT, ESQ.

INTERIOR ST. PAUL'S P. E. CHURCH.



PRESIDENT McKINLEY, MAKING HIS LAST SPEECH, AT BUFFALO, SEPT. 5, 1901. PHOTO TAKEN ON THE SPOT BY G. EDWARD EIWELL.